

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 15 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-28 are allowable. Because claims 1-28 are the only claims that remain pending in this application, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 places the application in condition for allowance and thus, the Examiner should enter this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on the record.

ART GROUNDS OF REJECTION

Claims 29 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,185,251 ("*Fertner*").

Claims 30 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,158,041 ("*Raleigh*").

Claims 31 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0218519 ("*Chiou*") in view of *Fertner*.

Claims 31 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fertner*.

Claims 32 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fertner* in view of *Raleigh*.

As shown in the preceding section, claims 29-36 are cancelled by this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, thereby rendering the rejection to claims 29-36 moot.

CONCLUSION

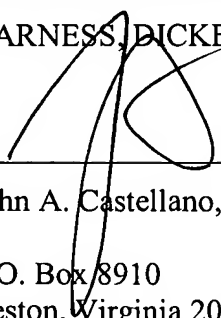
In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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